

### REMARKS

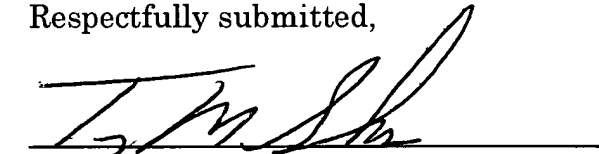
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination of the pending claims in the subject application. Claims 1 and 98-109 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 100, 104, 105, and 109 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,969,613, Yeager et al. Claims 1, 103, and 105 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,852,156, Read. Claim 99 currently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeager in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,336,209, Porzilli. Claims 106-108 currently stand rejected under 25 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeager in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,938,305, Garver. Claims 98, 101, and 102 are currently objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner has also objected to certain lead line for reference characters in FIGS. 1, 5, 17, 21, 26, and 31. The Examiner further objected to FIG. 43 by claiming that the torque screw 200 is not visible. Replacement drawings are being submitted with this response.

The Examiner also objected to an informality page 28, line 29. This objection has been corrected in the section of this response marked as AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

With respect to the claims, in view of the objected to claims, Applicant has provided three independent claims wherein claims 98, 101, and 102 are in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant believes that the Section 112 rejections have been addressed and resolved with these amendments. Each independent claim has associated dependent claims. Since the independent claims are now allowable, so too should the dependent claims.

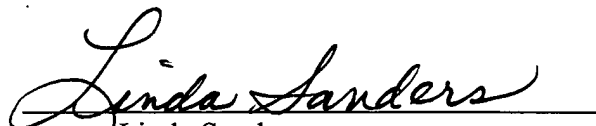
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